colony in IARI from two sources, one from Municipal Corporation of Delhi and other from Tubewell, which is stored in the underground tank and after it is chlorinated, water is being supplied for use in IARI. The water supply plant as well as Chlorination plant is being maintained by C.P.W.D. The CPWD has confirmed that two out of the three chlorinated plants were activated on 1-5-95, simultaneously chlorine was added in the underground water tank. The 3rd plant was also made functional on 3-5-95.

(c) CPWD have ensured regular testing of water and to take corrective measures on the basis of test report so obtained. In addition to the measures taken by CPWD to ensure that water is potable, IARI has also started getting the Water tested at regular intervals through its own sources. CPWD have also been requested to check up all the pipelines going from plants to various places in IARI.

Scope for the expansion of dairying

8327. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a vast scope for the expansion of dairying in the country;

(b) whether Government propose to undertake any long term measure to promote dairying; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Dairying has been receiving increasing attention in Government's development programmes. With the main objective of developing a viable and self-sustaining dairy industry two major programmes are under implementation namely the Operation Flood Programme and the Integrated Dairy Development Programme in Non-Operation Flood, Hilly and Backward Areas.

Prawn culture in Orissa

8328. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the total areas earmarked in the coastal Orissa for prawn culture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): In coastal Orissa, an estimated brackishwater area of about 32,000 hectare is available for shrimp farming. Out of this, presently about 11,500 hectare is under shrimp farming.

Meeting of Officials of State Irrigated Areas

8329. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some meeting of Secretaries and Chairmen of State Irrigated Areas has been organised in recent past at New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details and objectives thereof;

(c) whether the meeting was participated by officials of the Central Government;

(d) whether some suggestions, like training of people, involvement of beneficiaries and N.G.Os in applying the new techniques of drip irrigation for horticulture crops and sprinkler for all types of crops, were made in the meeting;

(e) whether Government propose to draw some programme in this regard; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) A meeting of concerned Secretaries of Command Area Development Departments and Chairman of Command Area Development Authorities was held on 12th May, 1995 in Delhi primarily to take stock of the situation in command areas with a view to improve agricultural production and productivity and to supplement the efforts of Ministry of

Water Resources in achieving the objectives of CAD programme.

(c) Yes Sir. The meeting was attended by Officials of Central Government belonging to the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Indian Council of Agriculture Research, Ministry of Water Resources, Planning Commission and Department of Animal Husbandry.

(d) to (f) Yes Sir. The various schemes of Department of Agriculture and Cooperation and Department of Animal Husbandry were explained to the participants. State Governments have been requested to draw proposals and submit them to the Government of India for consideration, approval and release of funds.

Regional Horticulture Boards

8330. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will form Regional Horticulture Boards to encourage production of fruit in drier areas; and

(b) whether it is a fact that Hyderabad and its environs have emerged as a potential fruit export area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) There is no proposal at present with the Government to set up Regional Horticultural Boards.

(b) Yes Sir; there is considerable potential for export of fruits from the State of Andhra Pradesh including Hyderabad and its environs.

Development of sheep

8331. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the States where steps have been taken for the developmnt of sheep;

(b) the Central schemes sponsored and Central assistance extended to those States for that purpose; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (c) Central assistance extended to the States for the development of sheep under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'National Ram|Buck Production Programme' during the Eighth Five Year Plan so far, as follows:—

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Amount released
		(Rs. in lakhs)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	3.00
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	2.00
3.	Himachal Pradesh	22.75
4.	Jammu and Kashmir	11.35
5.	Karnataka	4.00
6.	Maharashtra	16.70
7.	Orissa	14.00
8.	Punjab	2.50
9.	Rajasthan	42.50
10.	Tamil Nadu	2.50
11.	Uttar Pradesh	45 85